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Urgent Clarification for Provider Type 33 Regarding Prior Authorization Form Requirements for DME Repairs

Attention Provider Type 33 – Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics and Disposable Medical Supplies (DMEPOS):

For repairs of recipient-owned medically necessary equipment, including mobility assistive equipment, when a Prior Authorization (PA) is required, providers must continue using the [Durable Medical Equipment Prior Authorization Request form FH-1](#) to request the parts/items needed for the repair.

The physician's/practitioner's order submitted with the PA must specify the parts/items and must also indicate "repair." The cost of the repair cannot exceed the cost of replacement. Repairs needed on rented equipment are the responsibility of the provider.

Refer to the Provider Type 33 [DMEPOS Fee Schedule](#) to determine when a PA is required.